

### REMARKS

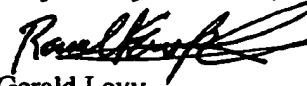
This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of December 1, 2004.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over the Mogg reference (WO 00/02330). However, the Office Action indicated that Claims 3-11 were allowable. This amendment re-writes Claim 1 to have the elements of Claim 3 as originally filed. All remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from Claim 1.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) has been overcome and that all the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections of the claims, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

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